A True

ACCOUNT

OF THE

ADVANCES of His MAJESTY's Royal ARMY

Towards the

Taking of Limerick:

Together with

His Majesty's Most Gracious PROCLAMATION.

In a Letter from an Officer in the Camp before *Limerick*, Dated *August* 19th, 1690.

SIR,

MY last acquainted you of our Progress in the Siege till [illegible] last Night, and that Lieutenant-General *Douglass* was to take charge of the *French*, but could not then inform you, what other General-Officers were to joyn him in that Charge, now have learnt, that my Lord *Sidney*, and Brigadier *Stewart*, were the Persons who about ten last Night, with seven Battalions of Foot relieved the Prince of *Wirtemburgh*, it being exceeding dark; and the main Design being to gain the Fort, the Enemy have on this side the Town, covering the Counterscarp, (it had not the success expected) for the Officers being unacquainted with the Defile, or ways to move in order, and coming late, cannot much be blamed with the mistake that happened, as follows:

It was agreed to fall on about Twelve, and the several Parties of ours chancing to mistake their way, met one another, and apprehending each other for Enemies, fired cruelly on both sides; but God be praised, without much mischief, which being followed with a great Shout, discovered the mistake, and with much ado the enraged Souldiers were parted, hardly being perswaded with the truth by their Officers, and they had hardly got into order, when the Enemy made a furious Sally with the greatest strength they had in the Garrison, but were stoutly repulsed, and our Men would have pursued the Enemy, but were hindered for fear of Ambushes, after which the Men were eager to storm the Fort; but General *Douglass*, for some Reasons I know not, would not suffer it; from twelve till two of the Clock was incessant firing; many Officers here saying, for the time they never heard the like; and all this, as I am certainly informed, with the loss on our side, of less than twenty Men, not one Officer falling: and one of the Chirurgeons of the Hospital affirmed to me, this Evening, that there came but three wounded Men into them, since the Action happened.

This

This Morning our Guns fired briskly to amuse the Enemy, and every three or four hours gave them four or five Rounds from a Battery of eight Guns, four of twelve Pounders, and four of six (and as by this mischance last Night was lost.) This Morning it was ordered the Trenches should be relieved at four in the Afternoon: Which was accordingly done. Count *Solms* commands in chief, Count *Nassau*, and Brigadier *Hamare* assisting, the Officers being commanded to take particular Notice of every thing that may direct them to the Fort, as also when out of their way; so doubt not by the next, to give you a good account of this Action. I never saw Men march more freely into their Winter-Quarters, than ours did to the Trenches; whether a great Number of Faggets are carried this Night, as also a great many Packs made up for to shelter the Men from the Enemy's Shot; a Battery within *Carbine*-shot of the Town, was this Night finished, for twelve Guns, six of which were those *Sarsfield* thought he had spoiled, of eighteen *l.* Ball, and six that came from *Carrick* of 24 *l.* all which I hope to hear play to morrow, when our Great Mortars will be up with us, at farthest. This Morning two Guns, and a good Party of Horse, went out on a Design, I know not yet; Our Men are couragious and healthy, and I doubt not of a Victory; which GOD grant.

A PROCLAMATION,

By the KING and QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

WILLIAM R.

WHereas We are informed, That divers Persons, either through Disaffection to the Clergy of the Church of Ireland *as by Law Established, or from a Design to take Advantage of the present Disturbances in this Kingdom, do delay or refuse, to pay their Tythes and other Ecclesiastical Duties, to the aforesaid Clergy, as by Law they ought to do. We having a Gracious Regard to the distressed Condition of the Church and Clergy, and being stedfast in Our Resolution, To preserve the Benefit of the Law to all Our Subjects; in the Due Execution thereof; Do hereby strictly Command and Require, all Our Loving Subjects, of what Rank or Condition soever, That they yield, set forth, and pay unto the Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons, Prebends, Rectors, Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and all others that have Ecclesiastical Dignities or Cure of Souls, the Tithes and other Ecclesiastical Duties, that are or shall become due or payable to them respectively, according to the Laws and Customs of this our Realm of* Ireland,

Given at Our Royal Camp before *Limerick*, this Fifteenth Day of *August*, 1690. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING and QUEEN.

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